

Scituate Selectmen Rap Murray Harbor Legislation

Scituate Selectmen recently took issue with legislation introduced by state Rep. Mary Jeanette Murray, R-Cohasset, which would change the formula for excise taxes on boats in harbor-river areas shared by two communities.

The bill calls for the taxes and mooring fees to go to the community that expends money on maintenance and repair of the harbor area.

Selectman Gerald Dwight raised the issue, noting the bill would create problems for other communities and wouldn't be applicable just to the Scituate-Cohasset harbor issue.

Cohasset and Scituate have had some differences over the issue of which town will collect and keep the excise taxes and fees for boats moored in Scituate waters that are in Cohasset Harbor.

The harbormaster sticks by his estimate of being able to moor more than 100 boats in

the harbor, said Dwight. That represents \$3,000 to \$4,000 a year in income the first year, he said.

Dwight pointed to the cooperation between Marshfield and Scituate involving the North River, and noted he felt a similar arrangement could be worked out with Cohasset.

Selectman Carl Pipes expressed doubt over the income quoted for moorings in Cohasset Harbor. Having another area to patrol may mean another man on duty which doesn't mean the town will clear \$3,000 or \$4,000, he said.

In addition, he noted other towns mentioned by Dwight weren't in the same situation, since Cohasset Harbor has an invisible town boundary; with Cohasset patrolling and maintaining the harbor.

Scituate hasn't had anything to do with maintenance or patrol before, said Pipes. "I don't know if it (the bill) is ill conceived, and don't see how it adversely affects us; I think we're better off leaving Cohasset Harbor alone."

The bill is too nebulous, said Chairman Rose Zoob. Who is to determine what "expends" means, she said.

Although a vote wasn't taken, a majority of Selectmen favored writing Sen. Allan McKinnon, D-Weymouth, and Rep. Philip Johnston, D-Marshfield, expressing concern with the bill and asking for their support in defeating it.

The bill has already been passed in the House and has been forwarded to a Senate committee.



ROMANTIC INTERLUDE — Couple lolls on bench and watches seascape offshore.

Fire Report For Week

MONDAY, AUGUST 13

9:59 a.m., Jerusalem Rd., Box 424, pole fire.

7:41 p.m., Short St., Propane grill fire.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 14

7:07 p.m., Depot Court, Car fire.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 15

12:13 p.m., Cedar Acres Lane, Ambulance transport.

12:55 p.m., Box 424, Car fire.

1:33 p.m., King Street, Ambulance transport.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 16

3:00 p.m., Government Island, Ambulance transport.

3:15 p.m., Music Circus, Boy hit by car. Ambulance transport.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 17

9:40 a.m., Log & Line, First

aid.

11:33 a.m., Ripley Road, Lockout.

5:11 p.m., Cushing Plaza, Rte. 3A, Washdown.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 18

2:46 p.m., Cohasset Golf Club, First aid, Ambulance transport.

5:10 p.m., St. Anthony's Church, Ambulance transport.

8:15 p.m., Box 413, Automobile accident.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 19

5:15 a.m., Bellarmine House, Investigation.

6:47 a.m., Housing for the Elderly.

11:00 a.m., Congregational Church, First aid, Ambulance transport.

2:29 p.m., Box 3141, Town Hall, Defective alarm system.

3:33 p.m., Mutual aid to

Scituate, Ambulance transport First Aid.

5:31 p.m., Box 336, Automobile Accident.

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